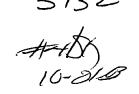


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Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement dated September 26, 2003, applicant elects Species C, Figures 8 and 9. Applicant agrees that claims 1 and 8 are generic. Claims 22 through 26 are specifically directed to the embodiment of Species C. Claims 5, 6, 12, 13 and 14 also read on the patella replacement device as shown in Figures 8 and 9.

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